

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: August 11, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

BOARDROOM - 718 N. MAIN ATTICA, KS 67009

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2025 and was called to order by President Lynda Newberry at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Christy Mans, Roger Goodman, Brett Traffas and Megan McDaniel. Members not in attendance were Heather Fly and Blaine Blackburn. Also in attendance were Superintendent Daryl Daugaard, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas, Principal Wyatt Williams, and AD Scotty McCartney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Athletic Department - Scotty McCartney discussed the junior high cheer coach candidates. They are also working on a cardiac plan and will then work to coordinate a rehearsal of it in practices as required for each individual sport.

Scotty McCartney left the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Something Good - Comments included Attica 4H having great representation at the Harper County Fair, the parking lot looks great as well as all the other summer projects that are now wrapping up. A big thank you and job well done to everyone who was involved in the completion of those. Enrollment was incredibly smooth and successful and thank you to Irwin Potter for the free school supplies again this year.

Amend/Adopt Agenda - Mans motioned and McDaniel seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended, to add item b to unfinished business, 8th grade promotion, for action. 5-0, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda -Review of cash summaries, checks, and the previous minutes. Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to approve the consent agenda. 5-0, motion carried.

Special Education - Nothing new to report.

Curriculum - Nothing new to report.

Technology - Ray has been working to get all the new aging devices replaced and set up and ready to go for the school year as well as new prometheum boards.

Summer Recreation/Wellness Center - Nothing new to report.

Transportation/Maintenance - The final flooring bill will be about \$4,000 more than the original quote due to additional leveling that had to be done in several places, revealed after the carpet was out. They will be done this week with the flooring and they will work on the quotes for the old tile work next summer. The

concrete work out back that needs done will likely involve one of the shop classes this year who will be learning about concrete work and the large door vinyls for the elementary and high school entrances are being installed this weekend.

PDC Meeting - Nothing new to report.

SITE Council Meeting - Hope to have first meeting after school gets going.

District Leadership Team (DLT) - Nothing new to report.

Water Wells/Sprinkler System - Was discussed and decided we will not proceed with the sprinkler/water well. The second larger sprinkler is in need of repair and will work to get that done so it is operational.

8th Grade Promotion - In follow-up to the agreed-upon changes during last month's meeting, Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to approve the changing of the 8th grade promotion to the school day during junior high awards. 5-0, motion carried.

Executive Session - Board's Attorney - Goodman motioned and Mans seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to consult the board's attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship in order to protect attorney-client privilege, and the public interest. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 6:38 pm.

Meal Charge Policy - McDaniel motioned and Goodman seconded to approve the revised meal charge policy as presented. 5-0, motion carried.

Parent/Student Handbook Update - Goodman motioned and Traffas seconded to approve the updated parent/student handbook with the revised meal policy changes. 5-0, motion carried.

Add/ Remove Bank authorized signer - Mans motioned and McDaniel seconded to remove Brett Traffas as a signer on the district operating account. 5-0, motion carried. Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to add Lynda Newberry as an authorized signer on the district operating account. 5-0, motion carried. Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to also add Megan McDaniel as an authorized signer on the district operating account. 5-0, motion carried.

When the payroll account was created almost 2 years ago, all account signers were listed on that account and those need removed just to the applicable staff to clean that up. Mans motioned and McDaniel seconded to remove Brett Traffas from the payroll account. 5-0, motion carried. Goodman motioned and McDaniel seconded to remove Scotty McCartney from the payroll account. 5-0, motion carried. McDaniel motioned and Traffas seconded to remove Brandie Waldschmidt from the payroll account. 5-0 motion carried. Traffas motioned and Goodman seconded to add Daryl Daugaard to the Payroll account. 5-0, motion carried.

Hire Student Advocate - Valerie Roberts will remain on the long term sub pay daily pay rate until she receives her degree/certifications. McDaniel motioned and Goodman seconded to hire Valerie Roberts as student advocate. 5-0, motion carried.

Substitute List - Reviewed and discussed the list for the year. Will make a few additions and approve next meeting.

Hire Title Teacher - Elizabeth Swingle - Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to approve Elizabeth Swingle as part part-time Title 1 teacher. 5-0, motion carried.

Insurance - The health insurance rates went up significantly and Mandy has been working to try to find a better option as we are in this open enrollment period.

Revenue Neutral Rate - The need to exceed the revenue neutral rate was discussed heavily with the reasons why and how it worked out on the budget worksheet. The hearing is scheduled for September 10 prior to the budget hearing and regular board meeting.

Nonresident Student Enrollment Appeal - Traffas motioned and Goodman seconded to deny the parent appeal received on a non-resident student. 5-0, motion carried. I

Hire JH Cheer Coach - McDaniel motioned and Traffas seconded to hire Alison Swonger as junior high cheer coach. 5-0, motion carried.

Insurance Settlement - McDaniel moved for the board to approve the EMC Insurance settlement in the Amie Loreg matter. Mans seconded and President Newberry requested a role call.

McDaniel: I vote yes on the motion to approve the insurance settlement, but I do so in protest. The insurance contract in place obligates the board to accept the settlement offer, effectively removing our discretion in the matter. I believe this decision was made solely because of litigation costs and not the best interest of our district; however, our legal and contractual obligations leave us with no viable alternative. My vote reflects compliance with the binding terms of the insurance agreement, not an endorsement of the settlement itself or the process that led to it. I strongly urge that we review the terms of future insurance contracts to ensure the board retains a meaningful role in such decisions moving forward.

Christy: I vote yes to be in compliance with our policy, but I strongly disagree with the settlement.

Roger: I vote no.

Brett: I vote yes, but I do not agree with this decision to settle and any of the terms that go along with this settlement. My vote is only to satisfy our agreement with our insurance company and to prevent any other cost and expense to USD 511 and its taxpayers by not abiding by the contract we have with our insurance company on this matter.

Lynda: I vote yes only to be in compliance with the terms of the insurance policy and to end this litigation for our district, and not in agreement with the settlement terms.

4-1, motion carried to approve the insurance settlement.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Brett Traffas asked for an update on the T2C program with some questions as to whether or not certain things are still being done.

Administrative Reports - Mr. Williams gave an update on the last of the schedule changes from enrollment that are being finished up. CTE Pathways report submissions and completers have been turned in, PDC is up to date and ready for this year, state assessment scores are still not out and last indication was "fall." Edgenuity is ready to go for the year, he and Corissa met with PCC last week regarding college courses and enrollment, have also been in contact with Cowley and the WSU Tech enrollment training has been done as well. Regarding the use of Xello - online portfolios for every student will be required by the state by 2028. We will be working to get those set up properly so we are in compliance. The website has been updated as well with new photos and all this year's updates. Mr. Daugaard indicated he had great feedback on the enrollment process this year and wanted to extend a big thank you to Lydia, Mandy, Wyatt and Corissa for all their work during that time. Mike Loreg has been in the building working on crisis plan information in preparation for our in-service days. Yearbook has not been completed or submitted yet, and the handicap sign and space will be moved to the south end of the building in the near future.

Executive Sessions

Personnel - Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to go into executive session with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:29 pm.

McDaniel motioned and Traffas seconded to extend the session for 5 minutes. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:45 pm. Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to extend the session for 10 minutes. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:55 pm.

Traffas motioned and McDaniel seconded to adjourn the meeting. 5-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mandy Traffas", written in a cursive style.

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board